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REMARKS

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1. Between 7 and 9 August 1951, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) appeared to be about 50 percent occupied, or approximately 2,000 troops. Gate guards and patrols wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 troops were observed receiving basic training, and about 30 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets received signal training. Six rocket launchers were among materiel observed in the billeting area. A unit of about 100 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 6 rocket launchers and 6 trucks, left the Schuetzen Kaserne toward Rad Freienwalde on 9 August.

The personnel on these vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets. Still other vehicles included truck with soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets; truck and sedans with civilians. *

2. No changes in the occupation of the former Ardelt Plant were observed on 9 August. The few officers and EM who were seen entering or leaving the installation had to produce their passes to the gate guards who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; truck with a driver who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia; truck driven by a soldier with black-bordered blue epaulets; and sedan and truck **

3. A rumor was to the effect that, by October 1951, the Soviet troops in the Ardelt Plant and the neighboring houses would give up their quarters and move to a new residential area in the eastern sector of the city, near the Artillerie Kaserne. The residential area still to be requisitioned would include the houses on Ebersbergerstrasse, Femeelstrasse, Saarstrasse, Danzigerstrasse, Tornowerstrasse, Hohenfinowerstrasse, Sommerfelderstrasse, and a section of Freienwalderstrasse. When local residents checked with the housing office of the municipal administration, the rumor was not denied. It was said that the move had been scheduled for the summer of 1951, but had been postponed until the fall. It was also said that the supply installation near the Ardelt Plant would be moved to the Schuetzen Kaserne and to Camp Britz which was to be improved as a billeting area for

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* [] Comment. [] the Schuetzen Kaserne was not occupied to capacity on 24 July 1951. [] The present report confirms the 312th Gds RL Regt and the 118th Sig Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which, among other units, are carried in the Schuetzen Kaserne.

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** [] Comment. The Ardelt Plant houses the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The vehicles observed there belong primarily to headquarters units of the army, and some to the 10th Gds Tank Div and air force units.

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*** [] Comment. The projected restricted area, which would be located north of the Artillerie Kaserne and the Waldfriedhof (cemetery) will probably house the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army. A report [] also mentioned plans regarding the derequisitioning of the Ardelt Plant and defined the boundaries of the new restricted area. [] 50X1-HUM

Camp Britz is located in the woods 4 km north of Eberswalde, and has been mentioned in previous reports.

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